

# GULF COAST BREEZE.

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## EDITORIAL.

Florida is rapidly growing out of the kinks given her by the freeze a few years ago.

Such a thing as yielding again to Spanish authority seems never to cross the Cubans mind.

McKinley's sort of prosperity is as blighting to the South as the freeze in '95 was to our orange groves.

One thousand and eighty two well developed sun flowers on one stalk is the boast and pride of Capt. E. J. M. Padgett of Sumter county.

The English people living at Fruitland Park in South Florida, celebrated the sixtieth anniversary of the reign of Queen Victoria Tuesday.

The dauntless little steamer, Dauntless, is reported to have steamed out of Tampa Bay last week with another cargo of arms and ammunition for the Cuban patriots.

Captain General Weyler, has almost ceased worrying with the Cuban soldiers, and is now devoting all his military genius to subduing the women and children and decrepid old men.

The only unpleasant thing connected with Queen Victoria's Jubilee is that the rule of her Irish viceroy has been so harsh that poor Ireland could not have the heart to join in the jubilee.

The humiliation of the South is all that McKinley and his party can ever hope to gain by appointing negroes to official positions that bring them in personal contact and conflict with their white neighbors.

We do not blame the Vanderbilts for disliking newspapers, for newspapers give the news, whether it be good or bad, and the record made by the Vanderbilts is far from looking well in print.

Democrats cannot afford to waste their energies fighting each other, so long as they stand confronted by a republican party that toadies to corporate power, scorns the laboring man and hates the South.

Judge Dzialynski, of the municipal court of Jacksonville, attributes his recent election to the mascot given him by Louis Hefzogg rubbing him all over with the left big toe of a lynched negro murderer.

The saddest days ever experienced by the negro was when he was brought into conflict with his white neighbors by a scramble for official position. No true friend of the negro would ever encourage a return of those days.

Very justly may the English people feel proud of their aged Queen. Victoria has given to Great Britain 60 years of the most peaceful and prosperous times that that country has ever seen and the whole world rejoices with them this week in their jubilee.

## STATE NEWS.

Titus Star:—All the orange trees in this section are doing well. On the Ives place, at Cocoa, a one-year old bud has ninety oranges on it, and Ad. Dixon is propping his trees in the hammock, as they are not strong enough to hold up the fruit.

The Times Union Says: The river men are experiencing considerable trouble with the water hyacinths this season. It is probable that navigation on the upper St. Johns will be entirely stopped unless something is done shortly.

South Florida is being done by a long haired wild looking tramp, who claims to be commissioned by God to teach the ignorant. The chief of police at Tampa gave the tattered gentleman a dollar and hustled him on to St. Petersburg.

Liberty County Observer:—Mr. W. U. Roberston, one of our prominent bee men, reports having taken about twelve barrels of honey, this season. \*\*\* It is said that there is produced within a radius of three miles of Bristol over 60,000 lbs of honey, about two-thirds of which is marketed.

Pensacola News:—In the circuit court of Jackson county, last week, S. C. Musen and Dock Musen, were convicted of placing cross-ties on the Pensacola and Atlanta road, to wreck a train, and were each sentenced to 10 years in the penitentiary. Columbus Garrett was convicted of tying a bull on the railroad track and was sentenced to 6 years in the penitentiary.

Fort Pickens in front of Pensacola is being put in fighting trim again. Three big guns, 30 feet long, and 3 1/2 feet in diameter, with a 10 inch bore and weighing 67,000 pounds each, have just been sent to that fort. Each discharge from one of these monster guns will cost a thousand dollars, but there is not a ship in the Spanish Navy that can stand in sight of them.

One of Leon county's oldest and most popular county commissioners, Mr. W. R. Wilson, was defeated in the late election by Mr. Miles H. Johnson, the champion farmer and dairyman of that county. The race was a neck to neck, between a successful merchant and a successful farmer, and the latter won. A good commissioner retires and a good one comes in.

Leesburg Commercial:—Large quantities of fine melons are being shipped to market, but the season is about over. \*\*\* Prosperity is coming. Slowly to be sure, but coming. Our orange groves are growing and beginning to bear again, and the number of tobacco farms is on the increase. Floridians are expecting prosperity; not through the present administration of high protection, combines, trust and big promises, but through their orange groves, vineyards tobacco patches and their farms.

Appalachicola Times:—The surveying corps of the Florida Western Railroad has pitched camp at the Cool Spring, and the men are now engaged in burning off the marshes just across the river opposite the city to enable them to make a survey. It is thought that the road will cross the bay somewhere in the neighborhood of East Bay. The grade of the road is completed except four miles this side of Crooked river. \*\*\* Sunday night a negro stole Mr. Ashland Beckett's horse and made for Wewahatchka, the negro's actions created suspicion and the horse was taken away from him. He, however, was turned loose. A short time after this a telegram was received from Mr. Beckett enquiring about the horse. Upon the receipt of the telegram searches were put out and the negro captured. Mr. Beckett and Orin Patton left for Wewahatchka to secure the horse, returning on Thursday. It is rumored that this negro is wanted in Georgia for murder.

## NOT A YANKEE.

The largest and most successful stock and dairy farm in the south is owned and operated by a Florida boy, who began life a few years ago, plowing an ox.

The farm covers nearly one thousand acres, bordering along on the shores of the beautiful Lake Jackson, near Tallahassee, and 25 miles North of Crawfordville, and its butter and cheese are shipped to all parts of the South.

A description of the beautiful landscape, with its herd of fine Jersey cattle, and the management and extent of this model dairy farm would take more room than the BREEZE can spare.

Hundreds of Northern people drive out there from Tallahassee, and are surprised at the magnitude and management of the farm, and are more surprised to find that Mr. Miles H. Johnson, whose pluck perseverance and executive ability modeled and perfected such an industry down here in Florida, is not a yankee but a common country raised Florida boy.

## AUDUBON.

The labors of this distinguished ornithologist extended from the snowy wastes of Canada and Labrador to the Everglades of Florida.

The indefatigable perseverance with which he followed every movement and noted every change and peculiarity of the feathered tribes was almost beyond belief.

He knew their Summer plumage and the garb they donned in Winter, the male bird as distinguished from the female (often supposed by more careless observers to be different species,) he knew their various diet and capacities for food.

He sketched them in their various disguises, and in their favorite haunts, and named them locally and scientifically.

He described their habits with most loving exactitude and care,—in short he immortalized them, and in so doing he immortalized himself.

Fort Myers Press—Some of the orange trees in the Hotel Hendry grounds are putting on a second bloom. \*\*\* Enough nursery trees have been shipped to Lee County in the past year to have made some one rich. \*\*\* Joe Vivas isn't complaining of a small orange crop because his trees are loaded down with fruit, and will bear more than ever before. \*\*\* A Cuban woman by the name of Leonor Reyex is quarantined in a building at Ft. Meade with small-pox. She arrived from Cuba on May 25, and was taken sick a day or so after arrival, and as she had not been around town it is thought that there will be no more cases.

## THE PROTECTION WANTED.

Cussing and discussing the Fuller fish law, still goes on, and the true intent and inwardness of the bill is gradually coming out.

Wakulla county, with five of the largest fishing yards in the state and a large population of fishermen, opposed the bill vigorously.

Hundreds of poor people in Florida and South Georgia, draw largely on the Gulf coast fisheries for their food supply, and our fishermen were content with live and let live prices, and as for the fish supply, that at present seems to need no protection from law in this section.

While working for the passage of the bill, its advocates claimed that its object was to protect the fish, but now, in discussing the new law, the Tampa Tribune frankly admits that the object of the bill was to raise the price of fish, regardless of the interest of consumers of course, for the protection of the wholesale fish dealers of South Florida.

Here is what the Tribune says:

The north Florida south and middle Georgia fish dealers are roundly abusing Senator Fuller's fish bill, passed by recent legislation. They denominate it as class legislation and say that the poor people, who are the chief consumers of the mullet shipped from the Florida coast, will be the sufferers, as the price of fish will be raised and the quantity shipped restricted under the working of the new law. The wholesale fish dealers, on the other hand, claim that prices should be raised, and that the jobbers and retailers have forced them down until there is very little money in the business. The wholesale fish business is one of this section's chief industries, and if the new law will help it, it will meet the approval of our people—and it is presumed that it will, as it was drawn under the supervision of our wholesale men.

Two sons of George Gray visited Fred Jennings Saturday, and while engaged in play the Jennings boy brought out and old-fashioned musket and, pointing it at the younger Gray boy, a child of 9 years, snapped two or three caps, the last causing an old load to be discharged which was not known to be in the gun. The load struck the child in the right side of the forehead, plowing a wide furrow to the bone across the forehead and tearing the skin loose to the middle of the bridge of the nose and to the eyebrows. The skull was also fractured, but the boy is expected to recover.—Ex.

Tampa Tribune:—Isaac Haywood, a highly respected and trusted colored drayman, was accidentally drowned in the Hillsboro river, near the S. F. & W. R. R. bridge, about 10:30 Sunday morning, while in bathing with another colored man. It appears that Haywood and his friend had doined mother-hubards instead of bathing suits, and the lower limbs of the unfortunate man became entangled in the flowing skirt. The drowning man called loudly for aid, but as he was an excellent swimmer and the water being comparatively shallow those who heard him call for aid believed he was joking until he had sunk to rise no more.

## Legal Advertisements.

### STATEMENT.

Made under Sec. 34, chapter 4322, laws of Florida, showing the amount charged to the Tax Collector of Wakulla county Florida, to be collected for the current year, 1896, and the apportionment of the same, to the several funds for which such taxes were levied, including poll tax with county school fund.

Total amount charged.	\$5,972.08.
Col. and pd. to Treas., to June 9 1897.	4,502.45.
	1,469.63.
APPORTIONMENT.	
County proper tax.	2,304.84.
Col. and pd. to Treas., to June 9 1897.	1,822.82.
	482.00.
County School Tax.	2,975.82.
Col. and pd. to Treas., to June 9 1897.	2,132.78.
	843.04.
Judgement tax.	230.48.
Col. and pd. to Treas., to June 9 1897.	182.29.
	48.19.
Fine and forfeiture tax.	460.96.
Col. and pd. to Treas., to June 9 1897.	364.56.
	96.40.

Attest J. J. Harrell,  
June 9th, 1897. Clerk Circuit Court.

### Financial - Statement.

Of the Board of Public Instruction of Wakulla County.

1897.	
May 1st To Bal. in hand	\$1,121.58.
" 4th For R. B. Council, Col. Rev.	228.97.
" 22nd " W. C. Rouse ex-Col. Rev.	110.40.
	1,460.95.

DISBURSEMENTS.	
May 3 Henry Waldron, teachers salary.	No. 467 \$40.00
" " W. J. Gray, teachers sal.	" " 1 month 468 25.00
" " F. T. Green, " " "	" " 469 25.00
" " B. G. Thompson teachers salary.	No. 470 17.50.
" " Miss Mamie Farley teachers salary	" " 471 17.50.
" " J. W. William teachers salary	" " 472 35.00.
" " W. F. Haynes teachers salary	" " 473 25.00.
" " Mitha C. Hilliard teachers salary	" " 474 38.50.
" " Luther Tucker, appropriation	" " 475 5.00.
" " J. W. White 1 day on board	" " 476 2.50.
" " T. T. Ridd 1 day on board	" " 477 3.00.
" " Geo. C. Floyd 1 day on board	" " 478 3.50.
" " S. M. Revels 1 months salary	" " 479 16.66.
" " S. K. Causeaux 1 months salary as teacher	" " 480 18.00.
Bal:	\$ 272.76.
	1,188.13
	1,460.95.

We certify that the above report is true and correct in every particular. Attest  
S. M. Revels,  
Co. Supt. Pub. Inst.

### COMMISSIONERS SALE.

By virtue of a decree of the circuit court for the second Judicial circuit of Florida, in and for Leon county, in chancery, sitting rendered on the 25th day of February 1897, in a cause wherein Egbert Nims is complainant, and Fred E. Nims, John J. Nims, Mary Julia Nims, Edgar Nims, and Cuthbert Nims, Florence Nims and Della Nims infants, and Jesse Lee Ratcliff, and J. A. Ratcliff, her husband, and in right of his said wife, are defendants, we will sell at public auction, before the court house door of Wakulla county, in Crawfordville Florida, between the legal hours of eleven o'clock a. m., and 2 o'clock p. m., on Monday the 5th day of July, A. D. 1897, to the highest bidder for cash, for purpose of division in above cause, the following parcels of land, situate in Wakulla county Florida to wit: The one half undivided interest of the following to wit: The east half of section thirty three, township two, South, Range one, West; and West half of north west quarter, and north half of south east quarter, and south west quarter, and east half of north west quarter of section thirty four, township two, south, range one, west purchaser to pay for deeds.

W. A. Rawls,  
T. H. Randolph,  
B. A. Meginniss  
Commissioners in said cause.  
George B. Perkins,  
Solicitor for complainant.